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The country can be grateful to Rep. Francis Walter for throwing cold water on a hot-headed idea to establish a "Freedom Academy" which would try to teach the free world how to fight a "cold war" against communism. The idea is the brain child of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, and in the heat of an August session it passed the Senate by one of those voice votes taken in a hurry to humor importunate Senators.

Mr. Walter, a man not notorious for any softness or sympathy respecting communism, said that he would hold no hearings on the bill and would oppose it if any parliamentary strategy should bring it to the floor of the House. That served to spare the House from involvement in the Senate's heat wave on the subject.

The problems of geopolitics and economics and international relations and Communist tactics are being studied in a number of very good universities today. A policy of isolating them from the rest of contemporary life and considering them in a special institution devoted exclusively to the cold war would inevitably distort and confuse them. Freedom is involved in every aspect of American life; and a special academy to teach its techniques would be a stultification of its meaning.